



The Wonderful Blazing Star: with the dreadful Apparition of two ARMIES in the Air.

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The one out of the NORTH, the other out of the SOUTH, as in the Figure above is represented.

SIR,
ON the 17th of Decemb. 1680. between 4 and 5 a Clock in the Evening, at
word of Bkon; I, and many more viewing this ama-
zable sight, on a sudden in a clear Sky, there appeared Two great Ar-
mies, one coming out of the North, whose Leader had a Coronet on his head:
the other from the South: and, as it seemed furiously joyned Battel. and a lit-
tle retreating, vigorously charged again, and thus continued almost an Hour, till
at last there comes in a Reserve, and joynung with the Southern Army, forces
the Northern back in Disorder, and so Vanished. Several were so terrified with
this Sight, that they swooned away: This is as true as terrible, else I would not
have troubled you with it.

This Account came from a Reverend Divine, who, with many more, was an eyewitness of it.
And, in all parts of England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Holland, Spain, Germa-
ny and Sweeden; nay, all over Christendom, this Comet has been visible: the first, never
since the Creation, as far as can be gathered by the best Historians ancient and modern,
being plac'd in Mercury's Sphere, above the Moon.

It will be therefore very necessary that I remind you of the two latest Exem-
plifications of Comets, the one in 1664. and the other in 1677. That in 1664.
was a forerunner of most dreadful punishments, as the Sweeping Pestilence in 65.
and the Swallowing Fire in 1666. the one falls fowl on persons, the other on Habi-
tations. The last in 1677. foreruns the most Damnable Plot (the Quintessence of
all Plots) that ever Hell invented: Now God hath lighted up another Torch to
give us a new Warning, that being forewarned we might be forearmed also, es-
pecially with those Arms of the Church, to wit, Prayers and Tears (our Desperate
Malady hath not yet met with an Effectual Remedy) lest those Matchless Mischiefs
which are Imminent over us may not also be Incumbent on us. There is cer-
tainly something more than ordinary God hath upon the Wheel, to lighten up
such a Blaze as this in the very depth of Winter, which is a time Diametrically
contrary to the very Nature of Comets, for Cold and Moist Weather is altoge-
ther unapt to produce those dry Vapours, whereof a Comet consisteth. A Win-
ter Comet is therefore like Winter Thunder, which is commonly call'd the Worlds
Wonder: the proper time of engendring those Meteors is Autumn, for in Spring-
time there is supposed to be too much Moisture and too little Heat to congregate
those Vapours, and in summer-time there is so much heat as plainly Segregates and
Disperses those Exhalations, but Winter time is wholly opposit to their exsistency

and quite contrary to the constituting of them. Therefore this Comet is a
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